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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-26

Dispensing unit for dispensing two fluid substances, comprising:

- a pump assembly having a first pump and a second pump, which can be actuated by common, manually operable operating means so that they simultaneously dispense the two fluid substances, and a reservoir assembly for holding the two fluid substances, the reservoir assembly comprising two reservoirs, which are each provided with an outlet at an outlet side and are each delimited by a movable piston on the side remote from the outlet, which pistons move towards the respective outlets during the dispensing of the fluid substances, characterized in that the reservoir assembly and the pump assembly are separate assemblies which can be coupled to one another, in such a manner that in the uncoupled state each reservoir can be filled through the outlet of the reservoir, after which the pump assembly and the reservoir assembly are coupled to one another

as well as

Method for assembling and filling a reservoir assembly of such a dispensing unit

2. claims: 27-51

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Dispensing unit for dispensing a first and a second fluid substance in a defined volumetric ratio, comprising:

- a first and a second reservoir for a stock of the first and second fluid substances, respectively,
- a pump assembly, which comprises a first and a second pump which each have a pump chamber with a defined operative volume, and a common, manually operable operating member for actuating the first and second pumps, characterized in that the pump assembly comprises one or more exchangeable pump elements which form at least part of the first and/or second pump, so that the operative volume of the pump chamber of the first and/or second pump can be adjusted by selection of one or more suitable exchangeable pump elements and fitting of these elements in the pump assembly

as well as

Dispensing unit for dispensing one fluid substance, comprising:

- at least one reservoir for a stock of fluid substance,
- a pump assembly having at least one pump which has a pump chamber with a defined operative volume, and an easy-to-operate operating means for actuating the at least one pump, characterized in that the pump assembly comprises one or more exchangeable pump elements which form at least a section of the pump, so that the operative volume of the pump chamber of the pump can be adapted by selecting one or more suitable exchangeable pump elements and by fitting them in the pump assembly.

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